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TITLE: IMPROVED TACKLE CONTAINER WITH CLIP SYSTEM
DOCKET NO.: 15562-1

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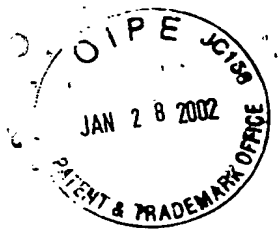
As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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- ☐ design.
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- ☐ continuation.
- ☐ continuation-in-part (C-I-P).



INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention named herein.

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TITLE OF INVENTION

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Improved Tackle Container with Clip System

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

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the specification of which:

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(complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a) ☐ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☒ was filed on May 22, 2001 as ☒ Serial No. 09/862939.
- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____, filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56,

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- ☒ [X] and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and
- ☐ [] in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d))

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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- (d) ☒ [X] no such applications have been filed.
- (e) ☐ [] such applications have been filed as follows.



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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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[] Attached, as part of this declaration and power of attorney, is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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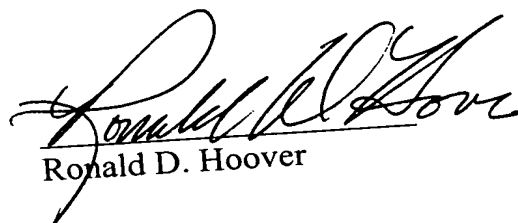


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